

September 29, 2014

Wesley United Methodist Church
Attn: Finance Committee
2200 16th Ave
Sterling, IL 61081

Greetings in Christ,

Please find the enclosed information including a detailed explanation of the apportionment formula and how your church's apportionment was calculated for 2015.

Your 2015 Apportionment Summary

Church # 40065	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
Support for Ordained Leadership:	\$11,004	\$917
Mission & Evangelism:	\$9,876	\$823
Strengthening the Connection:	\$1,848	\$154
Total 2015 Apportionment:	\$22,728	\$1,894

Apportionments are one of the most significant ways in which we as United Methodists stay connected to each other and to the shared mission of the United Methodist Church. Through apportionment giving, United Methodists are able to do together what no individual, church, cluster, district, or conference could possibly do on their own.

There are many resources available to help you further interpret apportionments in your local church setting. For more information, please visit the Northern Illinois Conference website at www.umcnic.org/leadership-resources/apportionments/ or contact me at mbunt@umcnic.org or (312) 346-9766 x741.

Thanks for your continued support of our United Methodist connectional giving,

Merrie Bunt

Apportionments Administrator,
Northern Illinois Conference

2015 Apportionment Calculation for Sterling: Wesley Church # 40065

Please refer to the subsequent document titled "About the 2015 Apportionment" for an explanation of the revised Apportionment formula, approved at the 2014 session of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference.

Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Clergy Costs	65,523	
2013: 65,792	Calculation Rate	x16%	
2012: 74,136	Sub-total	10,484	
2011: 65,456	Additional Calculation:		
2010: 65,322	Average Weekly Attendance	109	
2009: 61,546	Pastoral Residual: above (below)	5,476	
	similar sized churches		
	Change to apportionment		+16
	Support for Ordained Leadership Apportionment	10,500	+504 = 11,004
Mission & Evangelism Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Church Operation Costs	67,249	
2013: 65,621	Calculation Rate	x14%	
2012: 69,597	Mission & Evangelism Apportionment	9,415	+461 = 9,876
2011: 76,149			
2010: 66,529			
2009: 123,718			
Strengthening the Connection Apportionment			
<u>5 year data set</u>	Ave. Grand Total Spending	158,431	
2013: 158,957	Calculation Rate	x1%	
2012: 165,058	Sub-total	1,584	
2011: 151,279	Additional Calculation (Budget Size)	179	
2010: 140,862	Connectional Apportionment	1,763	+85 = 1,848
2009: 183,870	Calculated Apportionment	21,678	
	Total 2015 Apportionment		+1,050 = 22,728
	2014 Apportionment:	24,972	
	Increase/Decrease of:	-9%	